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1. (Original) A system for use in playing a game of chance comprising:
a plurality of playing cards, at least some of said plurality of playing cards displaying a free ticket symbol which entitles a holder of the playing card to receive at least one free ticket, at least some of said free tickets displaying at least
5 one game symbol;
a plurality of said free tickets, each of said free tickets displaying at least one game symbol, at least some of said playing cards and at least some of said free tickets including at least one eligible game symbol selected from said game symbols displayed thereon; and
10 a master game card for use in conjunction with said playing cards and free tickets, said master game card including means for identifying at least one of said eligible game symbols as a winning game symbol.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein a first plurality of said eligible game symbols comprise eligible raffle game symbols, and wherein at least one of said master game card and a second master game card includes means for identifying at least one of the eligible raffle game symbols as a winning raffle
5 game symbol.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising at least one obscuring member for the means for identifying.
4. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the at least one obscuring member covers a portion of the winning raffle game symbol.
5. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein a plurality of obscuring members each cover a portion of an eligible raffle game symbol, the winning raffle

game symbol being identified by opening selected ones of the obscuring members, such that the winning game symbol is not determined until the selected
 5 obscuring members are removed.

6. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the obscuring members include flaps.

7. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the master game card further includes means for identifying at least one of a second plurality of said eligible game symbols as a winning game symbol.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for identifying at least one of the second plurality of eligible game symbols includes at least one cover member which is opened to reveal the winning game symbol.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one game symbol of at least one of said playing cards and free tickets comprises indicia identifying the game symbol as being an instant winning game symbol.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for playing a game of chance comprising:

a plurality of playing cards, at least some of said plurality of playing cards including at least one of a plurality of eligible game symbols displayed thereon;
 5 and

a raffle board for use in conjunction with said playing cards, said raffle board including:

means for identifying at least one of a first plurality of said eligible game symbols as a winning raffle game symbol, including:
 10 a first plurality of cover members, each of the first plurality of cover members selectively covering a first portion of a raffle game symbol, and
 a second plurality of cover members, each of the second plurality of cover members selectively covering a second portion
 15 of a raffle game symbol, whereby by uncovering a selected one of the first plurality of cover members and a selected one of the

second plurality of cover members, first and second portions of the same winning raffle game symbol are revealed.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the raffle board further includes:

5 a third plurality of cover members, each of the third plurality of cover members selectively covering a third portion of a raffle game symbol, whereby by uncovering a selected one of the third plurality of cover members in addition to one of the first and second pluralities of cover members, a third portion of the same winning raffle game symbol is revealed.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein a plurality of the playing cards display a free ticket symbol which entitles a holder of the playing card to receive at least one free ticket, the system further including:

5 a plurality of said free tickets, each of said free tickets displaying at least one game symbol, at least some of said free tickets including at least one of the said first plurality of eligible game symbols displayed thereon.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein each of said playing cards includes one of said first plurality of said eligible game symbols displayed thereon.

14. (Original) The system of claim 10, further including:

a master game card for use in conjunction with said playing cards, said master game card including means for identifying at least one of a second plurality of said eligible game symbols as a winning game symbol.

15. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the playing cards further include a cover member for initially concealing said at least one game symbol displayed thereon.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the game symbol cover member includes a flap.

17. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein at least one game symbol of at least one of said playing cards comprises indicia identifying the game symbol as being an instant winning game symbol.

18. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein a plurality of said playing cards each displays one of a third plurality of game symbols configured for use in a bonus round of play in which a winning game symbol of the third plurality of game symbols is drawn randomly.

19. (Original) A method of playing a game of chance comprising:
distributing a set of playing cards to a plurality of players;

removing at least one cover member on each of the playing cards to reveal at least one of a plurality of game symbols, at least some of said plurality of playing cards including a free ticket symbol, which entitles a holder of the playing
5 card to receive at least one free ticket;

distributing the free tickets to the holders of playing cards displaying the free ticket symbols;

removing at least one cover member from said free tickets, wherein at least
10 one of said playing cards and said free tickets includes an eligible first type of game symbol of said plurality of game symbols, which is eligible for a first bonus round of play, and wherein at least one of said playing cards and said free tickets includes an eligible second type of game symbol of said plurality of game symbols, which is eligible for a second bonus round of play;

15 playing the first bonus round of play; and
playing the second bonus round of play.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of playing the first bonus round of play includes:

uncovering at least a first winning game symbol selected from said eligible game symbols associated with at least a first bonus award, a holder of a playing
5 card or free ticket displaying the winning game symbol receiving the first bonus award.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the second bonus round of play includes:

uncovering a second winning game symbol selected from said eligible second type of game symbols, a holder of the playing card or free ticket
5 displaying the second winning game symbol being eligible to enter into a third round of play in which players in other games of chance also participate.

22. (Currently amended) A method of playing a game of chance comprising:

distributing a set of playing cards to a plurality of players;

removing at least one cover member on each of the playing cards to reveal

5 at least one of a plurality of game symbols, at least some of said plurality of playing cards including a free ticket symbol, which entitles a holder of the playing card to receive at least one free ticket;

distributing the free tickets to the holders of playing cards displaying the free ticket symbols;

10 removing at least one cover member from said free tickets, wherein at least one of said playing cards and said free tickets includes an eligible first type of game symbol of said plurality of game symbols which is eligible for a bonus round of play; the eligible first type of game symbols including a plurality of characters;

playing the bonus round of play, including:

15 a) opening a cover member on a master game card to reveal one, but not all, of the plurality of characters in a winning game symbol selected from the second type of eligible game symbols; and

b) repeating step a) for each of the plurality of characters in the same winning game symbol, whereby the winning game symbol
20 is revealed.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further including:

playing a second bonus round of play, which includes one of the following steps:

5 opening a cover member on a master game card to reveal one of an eligible second type of game symbols as a winning game symbol; and

randomly drawing one of the eligible second type of game symbols as a winning game symbol.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein each of the playing cards and free tickets displays one of said second type of eligible game symbols.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the master game card includes a plurality of cover members covering characters of the first type of eligible game symbols, whereby each of the first type of eligible game symbols is represented and has a chance of being selected as the winning game symbol.

26. (Currently amended) A method of playing a game of chance comprising:

distributing a set of playing cards to a plurality of players;

5 removing at least one cover member on each of the playing cards to reveal at least one of a plurality of game symbols, a plurality of the playing cards including a raffle game symbol of said plurality of game symbols which is eligible for a bonus round of play comprising a raffle;

10 in the bonus round of play, in a first step, revealing only a first portion of a winning raffle game symbol on a first area of a master game card and in a second step, revealing only a second portion of the same winning raffle game symbol on a second area of the master game card.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the bonus round further includes:

revealing a third portion of the winning raffle game symbol on a third area of a master game card.

28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the raffle game symbols each comprise a plurality of digits and the first and second portions of the winning game symbols each comprises one of the digits, the bonus round further including:

5 uncovering a separate cover member for each of the digits of the winning raffle game symbol on separate areas of a master game card.

29. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the steps of revealing the first and second portion of the winning raffle game symbol, and optionally a third portion of the winning raffle game symbol include:

5 removing one of a plurality of cover members in the first area to reveal the first portion of the winning raffle game symbol;

removing one of a plurality of cover members in the second area to reveal the second portion of the winning raffle game symbol; and

optionally, removing one of a plurality of cover members in the third area to reveal the third portion of the winning raffle game symbol.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the cover members in the first second and third areas form columns.

31. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein every one of the tickets in the set displays a raffle game symbol.

32. (Original) The method of claim 26, further including awarding a prize to a holder of a ticket having a raffle symbol which corresponds to the winning raffle symbol.

33. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein a plurality of the playing cards display an eligible game symbol which entitles the holder to enter a second round of play on the master game card or a second master game card, and the method further includes:

- 5 opening a cover member on the master game card or second master game card to reveal a winning game symbol selected from the eligible game symbols.